

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.

The RBOCs and their cohorts already ruined the economy once by sneaking behind other ISPs, stalling their hookups, making them unable to reach projected subscriber rates which made them default on billions of dollars in loans to companies like Lucent, Nortel, Cisco, etc. This caused the market to darn near crash while they picked up the equipment in the POPs at pennies on the dollar from the bankrupt ISPs. Don't let them do this again!